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SUBJECT: FONMIN VIGNES ON ARGENTINE FOREIGN POLICY

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1. SUMMARY: FOMNIM VIGNES' REPORT TO CONGRESS ON MAY 1 WAS STATESMANLIKE EXPLANATION OF PHILOSOPHY UNDERLYING ARGENTINE FOREIGN POLICY. THIS PHILOSOPHY HOLDS THAT WORLD OF RELATIONSHIPS CHARACTERIZED BY DEPENDENCE AND IDEOLOGICAL BARRIERS MUST GIVE WAY TO NEW WORLD OF INTERDEPENDENT NATIONS UNIMPAIRED BY IDEOLOGICAL FRONTIERS. THIS IS WHAT IS MEANT BY UNIVERSALISM. END SUMMARY.

2. VIGNES INDICATED THAT ARGENTINE POLICY IS BASED ON CONCEPT OF UNIVERSALISM. IDEOLOGICAL BARRIERS MUST COME DOWN AND NATIONS MUST HAVE FREE AND OPEN RELATIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT WAS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT NEW GOVERNMENT HAD ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, ASIA AND EUROPE.

3. BOTH ARGENTINE HEMISPHERIC POLICIES AND ASSOCIATION WITH THIRD WORLD REPRESENT STEPS TOWARDS UNIVERSALISM. THIRD UNCLASSIFIED

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WORLD IS CONCEPT DEVELOPED BY PERON ALMOST 30 YARS AGO AND

AT RECENT ALGIERS CONFERENCE ARGENTINE PERFORMACE WAS BASED ON THOSE CONCEPTS, THUS SHOWING THEIR DURABILITY.

4. ARGENTINA'S STRUGGLE TO CORRECT THE ANOMALOUS ABSENCE OF CUBA FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN FAMILY OF NATIONS IS PART OF ITS BRODER DESIRE TO ELIMINATE ALL OBSTACLES WHICH INTERFERE WITH INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND IMPEDE UNITY. IT WAS WITH THIS GOAL IN MIND THAT ARGENTINA HAD PARTICIPATED IN RECENT MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND ATLANTA. HE NOTED WITH PRIDE THAT ARGENTINA HAD ACTED AS VIRTUAL SPOKESMAN FOR LA BEFORE U.S. IN EXPOUNDING ASPIRATIONS AND HOPES WHICH INSPIRED THIS REGIONAL GROUPING OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS.

5. VIGNES INDICATED ARGENTINA WOULD CONTINUE TO DEFEND HER RIGHT TO THE MALVINAS. SHE WAS SUPPORTED IN THIS BY THE OTHER LA STATES AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS UNITY THAT A DECISION ON ACCEPTING INTO THE OAS "THOSE WHO TOOK THEM FROM US BY FORCE" (I.E. THE UK) HAD BEEN POSTPONED.

6. VIGNES CONCLUDED BY ASSURING THAT ARGENTINA WOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR A UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY IN WHICH ANACHRONISTIC FRONTIERS OF TODAY WILL HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY REALISTIC INDERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS.

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